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1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM EAST GERMAN SIDE, SECRETARY
AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO MEET GDR AMBASSADOR SIEBER
AT YET UNDETERMINED TIME FOLLOWING RETURN FROM VISIT TO
CHINA. DURING DISCUSSION WITH EUR/CE OFFICE DIRECTOR ON
OCTOBER 17, GDR EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR MONTAG ECHOED
GEYER'S COMMENTS IN PARA 5 OF REF (B) ABOUT USEFULNESS OF
US-GDR BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS IN HELSINKI. HE SAID THAT
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GDR LEADERSHIP HAD BEEN CONSIDERING THESE TALKS IN THE

CONTEXT OF US-GDR BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE REASON SIEBER WISHED TO TALK WITH THE SECRETARY AT THIS TIME WAS TO PRESENT TO THE SECRETARY PROPOSALS FROM THE GDR LEADERSHIP ON FURTHER WAYS OF IMPROVING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. MONTAG DID NOT DESCRIBE WHAT SUCH PROPOSALS MIGHT BE.

2. GEYER'S COMMENTS TO AMBASSADOR COOPER SUGGEST THAT

VISIT BY AXEN OR OTHER HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL MIGHT BE HIGH ON THE LIST OF THE PROPOSALS TO BE PRESENTED BY SIEBER. IN ORDER TO HELP US PREPARE FOR THE SIEBER CALL ON THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON REASONS GDR MAY WISH TO PROPOSE HIGH LEVEL VISIT TO US AND COMMENTS ON ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS GDR WOULD BE LIKELY TO MAKE. INGERSOLL

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